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BROADWAY HALTS ACTIVITY WHILE FUNERAL PASSES

Thousands Uncover Heads as U. S. WARSHIP Body Goes on Way for Burial at West Point.

WITH MILITARY POMP.

Services for Noted Son of More Noted Father in Govemor's Island Chapel.

The body of Major-Gen. Frederick Dent Grant passed through the street of the city to-day with all the splendid pomp of military mourning on its way to the final resting place in the officers'

its activity to listen to the pulsing of the military bands, to uncover to head when a flag draped gun calsson wntown district. It was a speciacle sainy years. The spell of awe and everence wrought by the pulsing and the tramp of feet gripped all the clustered thousands on the

of the military in times of public mourn- coast. such as this, the faithful friend of To-day's reports to the State Departnder of the Eastern Di- I t the Battery to the Forty-second street uncasiness by their activity. farry of the West Shore Railroad. The The transport Crook first was selected rapidly through that floor and cut off motting which almost dragged on the partment officials later decided that vestoring which almost dragged on the partment officials later decided that vestoring by the stallways from the upper floors. Men and women flocked to by did and from the saddle low hung the number of Americans who might the fire escapes. These who took the ots of his master, reversed.

chapel of Corneliu: the Centurion on day. the country either served as pall bear-

revenue cutter Seneca at the Pennsyl-Vania station, Jersey City, and passed south as Salina Cruz. down through the East liker to the wharf at the island reservation. With him were his brother, Henry W. Taft; Charles P. Hitte, his private secre-tary, and Major Thomas L. Rhonds, ests of British subjects. It is believed Wollman and Stern got a, big rug, who has lately succeeded to the place here that another vessel will be sent by of chief aide to the President, which Great Eritain to the gulf. This action, Archibald Butt in the Titanic disaster.

NOR'S ISLAND. When the Seneca drew up at the quarmaster's wharf on the northern end of Governor's Island the President's flag of blue with the golden eagle spread upon it was dropped from the half mast position it had held during the trip down the river. The guard of soldiers of the Twenty-ninth Infantry, the island's garrison, brought their arms to the present with a snap, and Gen. Tasker H. Bliss. porarily in command of the Eastern Division, and all of his staff officers of their plumed chapeaus. All of the

and together, with the glittering starr \$12 Men's BlueSergeSuits,\$5.95 Gen. Bliss took the President's arm

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OFF TO MEXICO TO SAVE AMERICANS

Transport Buford Will Stop at Towns on West Coast and Pick Up Victims of Bandits

WASHINGTON, April M.-The army ransport Buford will leave San Francisco Sunday for the west coast of Mexico to pick up any American refu- in which it originated. goes who may wish to leave the country. The Buford will visit Topclobampo, Altata, Mazatlan, all in the State of Altata, Maratian, all in the State of panic stricken when smoke poured our sinaloa; San Blas, Topic, Mansanillo in of a window directly beneath him as

way in their operations along the Pa-cific Coast communication has been cut with many of the interior towns where Americans are known to reside. This has left the State Department and others without any information as to the safety of these people and this in face of numerous reports of the wanton GENERAL'S HORSE LED BEHIND acts of both bandits and organized back up on the sweatshop, which is rebels.

Constant appeals came to the State meeded to bring the silent crowds into Department to use some method of guick sympathy with the sorrow of those suck sympathy with the sorrow of those but the officials tried other means in an had shops in the building. The fire alson was that supplied by Gen. effort to ward off the necessity of sendant's horse. After the formal custom ing a United States vessel to the west

on was led by a soldier behind the Mexico is generally becoming worse. un carriage all the way from the ferry Bands of marauders are causing much

wish to leave Mexico. The Buford, also north fire escape reached the groun of the United States attended the nated. The Crook was to have sailed to-The President and the Vice-President at San Francisco, therefore, was desigeral services which were held in the night. The Buford will get away Sun-

Governor's Island. Flowers sent by While the Bufort is a Government ves-them were placed against the great bank of blossoms surounding the black will be no United States soldlers aboard. sanfalque defore the altar of the chapet and the only person bearing United Soon there were fifteen men and hat makeren Gen. Grant's body has lain in tates commissions beside Quartermaster a dozen women either on the lower fire state during the last ten days. Other Ely will be the doctors and members of men prominent in the life of this city the hospital corps taken along to look der between the second and third floors of other great centres throughou; after the sick among the refugees.

State Department advices indicate that or found places in the chapel to there are perhaps 500 Americans likely give their last tribute of affection to to avail themselves of this opportuniay to leaves fexico. About 200 of these are the Division street yard. President Taft boarded the Navy at Los Hochis and vicinity, and probably 300 more scattered down the coast as far Charles Stern, a clerk in the Division are both still in the hospital, and I

that a British warship is en route to was left vacant by the death of Major It is understood, is the result of an understanding of the European powers, PRESIDENT LANDS ON GOVER- and it is believed that other nations with en, who were too frightened to help interests in Mexico will follow Eng- themselves.

ITALIAN. CRUISER SUNK?

Wreckage Indicates Loss of the Vavese in Dardanelles Fight.

CONSTANTINOPLA, April 26.-Wreckage washed ashore at the entrance to ed on the Dardanelles leads to the beilef to-shoulders. day that the Italian Cruiser Vavese, one of the ships engaged in the bombard- a dozen firemen climbed up the firement of the forts last week, was lost in escape of the building at No. 20 Diviment of the battle. It was reported that the sion street and invaded the kitchen of their plumed chapeaus. All of the Vavese was badly damaged in the hom. an apartment opening on the fire-espers were in full dress of ceremony; bardment and that she subsequently cape landing. They commandeered a their swords here a fittle knot of black sank

and together, with the glittering staff following, they passed up the road to the chapsi at the southern end of the parade ground. Along the whole distance regulars of the Twenty-ninth were drawn up a few yards apart. As the Commander-in-Chief of the Army the C

JUMPED TO DEATH AS BLAZE RAGED IN A SWEATSHOP

Man Penned on Fire Escape Gets the News of Recovery Plunged Four Stories Into Street.

MANY WOMEN IN PERIL

Scramble Down Ladders, to Reach Fifteen Foot Wall at Bottom.

fire escape landing and half a dozen thers were injured during the progress of a fire that swept through a five-story sweatshop in the rear of No. 21 Bowers to-day. The blaze was in such a peuliar location that it endangered four sides of a thickly populated block, and Chief Kenlon sent three alarms to in-

operator of No. 114 Madison street, was the man who was killed. He became carried the body of the famous soldier and soldier on the soldier of a still more famous father at measured pace through the black canons of the skysoropers. The solemnity of furied flags, creps draped, and from many Americans stranged in the solorful changing picture of varied states bordering the Pacific.

States bordering the Pacific.

Since the rebels began to make head-which lie died in a few minutes,

> of the block bounded by the Bowers sion street. The rear of the buildings fronting on all these four thoroughfares south side.
> About a dozen manufacturing firm

hour, when a majority of the employee were out of the building. However

Smoke gave first evidence of the fire as it poured from the windows of the pants manufacturing plant of Stierer & without difficulty. But the lower land yard of a building, fronting of No. 1

ESCAPE LADDER LEFT THEM ON HIGH WALL.

escape landing or clinging to the lad with smoke and fire belching from wir dows directly above them. The me chance of the fifteen-foot jump in Frank Wollman, a salesman,

street establishment, dragged a short MEXICO CITY, April 26.-It was ladder from the cellar and put it ageins learned here on good authority to-day the wall. Some of the men got dunn by this ladder. Others jumped to the

this the wome umped safely. Fire clambered up the fire escape ladder and of it and it has not been so much as helped down haif a dozen men and wom-

fifth floor, was the first person to reach the fire escape. While he clung, terror-stricken, to the fourth floor landing, he saw women jumping safely from th second floor into the rug. Firemen were starting for him when he leaped for the rug himself, missed it and land-ed on the back of his head and

made a bridge to the fire-escape of the burning building. Across the impro-

onto the roofs of the block. The firecoming to New York of his mother,
men were hampered in their work until
Inspector Cahalane and the reserves of
six precents cleared the yards and the
streets on the outside where the en-

VINCENT ASTOR **GIVES FIRST TALK** ON FATHER'S DEATH

of Body From The Evening World.

GLAD HE DIED A HERO.

Declares Stepmother Has Not Been Allowed to Tell of Last Moments on Titanic.

to-day of the recovery of the body of his father, as related in an exclusive despatch from St. Johns, N. F., William Vincent Astor talked to an Evening World reporter at the Astor home, No 540 Fifth avenue. He denied many rumors and reports that have been pub-

all that happened as she recalled been the orders of the physicians who are attending her. If at, any time she has begun to speak of the terrible periences the conversation has been immediately switched. Practically all know of how my father conducted himself on that night we have learned from good," choked out the boy,

MRS. ASTOR TOLD OF BEING LED TO LIFEBOAT.

stopped and walked away for a r from his bedroom upon learning of the identification of his father's body.

"All Mrs. Astor has been allowed to tell of that night," he went on, "related only to her dressing and being led to boat by my father. She was undressed when the collision with the leabers occurred. My father insisted that she should dress warmly and then he guided her, her maid and her nurse to the boat. She did not see him after the boat began to descend from the davits. He had barely time to wrap her furs about her before the boat began to descend.

"We have not questioned Mrs. Astor, and will not do so until her condition is much improved. She is entirely too nervous now and jumps at the least little thing. In her delicate state we must be very careful. But she is improving and I cannot say that there is any need now to worry. Time will bring her both mental and physical strength 'It is not true that Mrs. Astor's make r nurse, who were with her, have made know have said nothing. Stories pur-

HAS NOT EVEN DISCUSSED HIS FATHER'S WILL.

"There has been a good deal in the ewspapers about my father's will and referred to at any family conference. eference to the will is all wrong. nave been to my lawyers only in the offices early to-day. father's body. I have been keeping in (skipper of the Aster yacht Noma),

"The first news I received came to me The Evening World office. A little later While the fire was at its hottest half white Star line confirming the good news. It has lifted a great burden from my mind. I will not go to Halifax. bringing on of my father's body.

> the reported loss of Mrs. Astor's tewis which I would like to correct. I can

(Continued on Fourth Page) the White Star line offices to-day:

TITANIC SIGNALS PLAIN TO MAN ON CALIFORNIAN

Young Head of Great Astor Estate, She Was About Ten Miles Away, Sister of Widowed Stepmother



KATHERINE PORCE AND VINCENT, ASTOR, PHOTO BY

ASTOR AND STRAUS BODIES PICKED UP BY DEATH SHIP

Mackay-Bennett sends 49 New Identifications of 205 Titanic Victims on Board-Minia Has C. M. Hays's Remains.

The bodies of Col. J. J. Astor and Isidor Straus have been recovered it is all rot. We have not even though: from the sea by the cable ship Mackay-Bennett.

The talk of my visiting my lawyers in bodies of Col. Astor and Mr Straus, was received at the White Star line to the distress signals, and his refusal to get up steam and go to the

The despatch said the bodies were aboard the funeral ship and had been embalmed.

The despatch also contained a long list of new identifications of the 205 bodies picked up by the Mackey-Bennett. These names were wirelessed from the cable ship to the Anchor line steamship Caledonia and by that vessel relayed to Cape Race.

A dispatch to The Evening World from St. John's, Newfoundland, recovery of Mr. Guggenheim's body was made in the relayed wireless to them aloft. the White Star Line and it was probably a confusion of the names that reached. St. John's.

Nothing was said in to-day's wireless from the Mackay-Bennett contarted about by them. The jewels of the family are always carried and card for by agents of the family. Mrs. Astor had very few jewels with her."

Asked if he had received word of the with embalming fluids and would supside the company to with embalming fluids and would supside the New York: WILLIAM ALE.

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Ernest Gill, Donkey Engineman of the Vessel, Tells the Senate **Investigating Committee**

CAPTAIN AT CAPITAL SAYS IT IS NOT TRUE

'I Sent Warning of Icebergs to the Titanic," Says the Captain, "and Was Told to Shut Up."

WASHINGTON, April 26.-In a sworn statement filed to-day with the Senate Committee investigating the Titanic disaster, Ernest Gill, donkey engineman on the liner Californian, now at Boston, said . that vessel was so close to the Titanic on the night of the tragedy that the Titanic's distress rockets were plainly visible. He charged that the captain of the Californian refused to go to the aid of the distressed vessel. Capt. Lord of the Californian, in Boston last night, denied Gill's

The reading of Gill's affidavit was heard with the deepest interest by the committee. Gill was present and was placed our the witness stand immediately after Senator Smith, the chairman, had finished reading the affidavit.

"There is no truth whatever in the story of Ernest Gill that the Californian saw and ignored distress signals from the Titanic," positively declared Capt. Stanley Lord of the Californian, immediately upon his arrival here from Boston to testify before the Senate Investigating Committee. Accompanying Capt. Lord was the Californian's wireless operator, D. C. Evans.

"I was asleep from 11.30 Sunday night until 5.50 Monday morning," Evans said. "Not until 5.50 did we hear of the Titanic-and then it was through a message from the Virginian."

GOT A SURLY REPLY, HE SAYS. When Capt. Lord took the witness stand he said that half an hour before the Titanic smashed into the iceberg which sank her she received warning of "kebergs ahead" from the Californian. His ship, he said, was then only twenty miles away.

"Shut up; I'm busy," was the reply Capt. Lord said the Titanle's operator sent to his ice warning.

Senator Smith read into the record the following note from Operator Young of the U. S. Naval wireless station at the New York Navy

"Carpathia would at no time acknowledge receipt of a message from navy ships or stations. This station called them at 5.30 P. M. April 18 when she was trying to get into communication with New York stations, but her operator refused to take any assist from us. This was the only station she could work at that time, as no other station could hear her. "YOUNG, Operator."

THINKS HE SAW TITANIC PASS.

"I saw the ship which I took to be the Titanic," said Gill after being sworn, "some time before midnight. She was about ten miles away and went past us apparently at full speed. She was a big ship and I saw two tiers of lights. The Californian at the time was cause in field ice, its engines were stopped and she was drifting with the floe."

The vessel, Gill testified, must have been plainly visible to the bridge and the lookouts, as well as the rockets which were sent up later A wireless despatch, telling of the finding and identification of the from the vessel. The Californian's captain, he said, paid no attention aid of the stranger so incensed the crew that Gill tried to organize a protesting party among the men. He falled, he said, because of the timidity of the men.

"What time did the Californian get up steam?" inquired Senator

Fletcher. "I don't know exactly," said the witness, "but it was some time after 5 o'clock."

From the rockets Gill judged the distressed ship to be not more stated that a wireless had been tpicked up there reporting the finding of than twenty miles away. He described the rockets, his description tallythe bodies of Col. Astor and Benjamin Guggenheim. No mention of the ling with that given by Fourth Officer Boxhall of the Titanic, who seek

> In the bright, starlit night of Sunday, mate, William Thomas, that he had seen April 14, Gill said, he came upon deck a big vessel, apparently German, going of the Californian at 11.56 P. M. as the at full speed. He could not sleep and vessel, with engines stopped, was drift-ing amid flor-ice. From the starboard Ten minutes later he saw a waite recise. rail he saw the broadside lights of a ten miles of to starboard, which he fire very large steamer. He watched her at thought was a shooting star. A second very large steamer. He watched her at thought was a shooting star. 'A second least two minutes and said those on the rocket in the same place seven or eight Californian's bridge, officer and lookout, minutes later he saw distinctly, a remarked to himself "That must bo to ould not have helped seeing her.

SAYS HE SAW ROCKET SIGNAL vestel in distress." OF DISTRESS. He did not notify the bridge of At midnight, Gill continued, he went because, he said, it was not his l to his cable, whose he remarked to his and they pould not have helped